## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001:

MOTION TO PERMIT ATTACHMENT AND EXECUTION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §1610(c)

03 MDL 1570 (GBD) (SN)

This Document Relates to <u>Hoglan, et al. v. Iran, et al.</u> 1:11-cv-07550 (GBD) (SN)

## EXHIBITJ



## United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 27, 2019

Ruby J. Krajick Clerk of the Court United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl St. New York, NY 10007

Re: Hoglan, et al. v. Iran, et al., 1:11-CV-07550

Dear Ms. Krajick:

I am writing regarding the Court's January 25, 2019 request for transmittal of letters rogatory seeking assistance in serving documents on Ayatollah Ali Hoseini Khamenei, Supreme Leader of Iran; Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Chairman, Expediency Discernment Counsel and former President of Iran; National Iranian Tanker Corporation; National Iranian Oil Corporation; National Iranian Gas Corporation; National Iranian Petrochemical Company; Iran Airlines; and, Hezbollah as defendants in the above referenced lawsuit.

Because the United States does not maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of Iran, the Department of State is assisted by the Foreign Interests Section of the Embassy of Switzerland in Tehran in transmitting letters rogatory to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The letters rogatory were transmitted to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs under cover of diplomatic notes No. 1058-IE, No. 1059-IE, No. 1060-IE, No. 1061-IE, No. 1062-IE, No. 1063-IE, No. 1064-IE, and No. 1065-IE, dated July 15, 2019. The delivery of these notes and their attachments was attempted on July 17, 2019, but the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs refused their acceptance. Certified copies of these diplomatic notes are enclosed.

Sincerely,

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